<u>REMARKS</u>

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DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

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doctrine of obviousness-type patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of U.S.

Patent No. 6,958,871. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer herewith.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully requests the withdrawal of the obviousness-type

double patenting rejection of Claims 1-22.

**CONCLUSIONS** 

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully requests allowance of the

rejected claims.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this

case. Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the

below listed telephone number.

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